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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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ACTION: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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EE 2, FI/RI 2

NR: 3888

CONTROL: VR-977

SENT DEPARTMENT 3888, REPEATED INFORMATION PARIS 1022, MOSCOW 178,
BONN 644.

FOREIGN OFFICE GUIDANCE TO BRITISH PRESS RE ARREST NAUMANN,
SCHEEL, AND OTHERS AS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

DANGER OF GROUP WAS POTENTIAL RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE AND
PURPOSE OF ACTION WAS PARTICULARLY BECAUSE BRITISH WANTED MORE
INFORMATION AND ALSO TO NIP ACTIVITIES IN BUD BEFORE THEY REACHED
SERIOUS PROPORTIONS. THEY DO NOT (REPEAT NOT) INTEND TO SAY MUCH
ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK GROUP HAS BEEN UP TO. THEY ARE ALSO SAYING
UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE NO (REPEAT NO) STATEMENT IS
POSSIBLE WHETHER PERSONS ARRESTED WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. THEY
WISH PARTICULARLY TO AVOID INFERENCE THAT THIS ACTION SHOWS LACK
OF CONFIDENCE IN THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION WHICH THE WEST CAN EXPECT
FROM GERMANS AND THEY ARE EMPHASIZING THAT THIS WAS ONLY A SMALL
GROUP OF PLOTTERS AND THAT THE VAST NUMBER OF GERMANS ARE ON OUR
SIDE. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE CONNECTION OF GROUP WITH EASTERN ZONE
OR SOVIETS, BRITISH CONFINING THEMSELVES TO SAYING THAT IT IS CLEARLY
NOT (REPEAT NOT) EXCLUDED.

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NOTE: MR. CONGER (GER) INFORMED 4:35 P.M., 1/15/53 DES

ACTION: GER

INFO : EUR, OLI, CIA, SAM, I, IFI, IPS, IBS

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